

REMARKS

With this response Applicant provides an Amended Appeal Brief attached hereto. In the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief, the Examiner checked Box 1 alleging that the brief does not contain the items required under 37 C.F.R. § 41.37(c), or the items are not under the proper heading or in the proper order. In response, Applicant added Section VI, "Grouping of Claims," Amended Appeal Brief at pages 6-7, and corrected the "Grounds of Rejection to Be Reviewed On Appeal" section, Amended Appeal Brief at page 7.

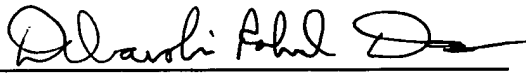
No further changes have been made. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the Amended Appeal Brief corrects the deficiencies in the original Appeal Brief filed on July 18, 2005, and thus, the Amended Appeal Brief is now proper. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this Amended Appeal Brief.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Amended Appeal Brief